

July 31, 2014 NFLA Board Meeting

1. Members Present

The meeting was held at the Community Hall and the following board members were present: Karen McDonough, Larry Kinsolving, Carol Groebe, Alan McNeil, Allen Chrisman, and Debo Powers. Donna Harrison and Bonny Ogle were not present.

2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Karen McDonough shortly after 5:00.

3. Announcement

Karen announced that our North Fork neighbor Erryl Eyster passed away. Karen sent a card from NFLA to Rayna, his wife.

4. Treasurer's Report

Karen gave the report since Bonny wasn't present.

5. Floor Project

The tile work under the wood stove and the front entry has been completed. Lee Secrest will be making the door jam and Paul Merotz will be making the trim around the tile. The board voted unanimously to purchase green board to protect the wall along the side of the wood stove. Alan McNeil will purchase the green board.

6. Maintenance

Allen Chrisman reported that Lee is cutting the board and bat. Allen talked to Lynn about a design for the back porch and ramp. Allen estimates that it will cost about \$500 to complete both projects. Allen will make a motion at the business meeting to spend up to \$700 for these projects. This will be considered a hall improvement and the funds will come from the reserve funds.

7. Budget/Dues Increase

The Budget Committee met and developed a balanced draft budget based on a dues increase of \$5.00 per person. The board decided that the membership should receive copies of the draft budget before voting on the dues increase in order to understand that a dues increase is needed to cover operating expenses. Larry will make 50 copies for the meeting. The board also decided that if the membership votes down a dues increase that the chair will ask who will serve on a Fundraising Committee to raise at least \$1500 to cover the budget deficit.

8. Insurance Waiver

Larry Kinsolving will present the proposed waiver at the business meeting and the membership will vote on it. If this waiver is approved, it will become part of the membership sign-up form.

9. Name Change

Allen Chrisman will present the board's recommendation at the business meeting (once again).

10. Cookbook

The first edition of the cookbook has sold out. Lois has three more copies that the board wants to keep for the next auction. Karen will let Lois know. The profit from the first edition was used to pay for the second edition which has been printed in greyscale and will cost \$20 each. The board decided that all of the money that comes in from cookbook sells will go into our Improvement Fund to be used for our Community Hall.

11. Lifetime Membership

The board voted unanimously to withdraw the proposed bylaw concerning lifetime membership.

12. NFLA Elections

Karen announced the slate of officers for the election in August:

President Karen McDonough

Vice President Donna Harrison

North Director Paul Merotz

South Director Alan McNeil

Other people may be nominated from the floor. We discussed having Larry Wilson run the election which is traditional. Karen will talk to him about this.

13. Poaching Fund

At the request of the North Fork Patrol, the board voted to change the Poaching Fund to the Poaching & Criminal Activity Fund. This fund provides rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of poachers. The board agreed to extend rewards to the conviction of anyone who destroys, steals, or breaks into the property of an NFLA or NFP member.

14. Book Exchange

Carol announced that the book exchange station has been set up in Polebridge near the mailboxes.

15. Recognition for Scott Emmerich

At the Summer Interlocal, NFLA recognized Scott Emmerich's service to the community, but he did not receive the framed picture of a grizzly bear that was taken by Larry Wilson as planned. Alan McNeil will bring the picture to the business meeting in case Scott attends.

16. Next Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, August 27 at 5:00 at the Hall.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35.

Minutes submitted by Debo Powers.

